Reporting duplicate research items and profiles

I've found a duplicate research item. How can I merge them?

Duplicates can occur when an author adds a research item that is already in our database, or when more than one author adds the same item. If you have found duplicate research items on your Research tab, please help us merge them by editing the items' details. We automatically merge research items where all information is identical, including title, date of publication, author list, and journal.

Please note: Research items will not automatically merge if:

- you have added both of the research items yourself
- all information is not identical
- one of the research items has a DOI
- both items have different DOIs.

Please also note that we don't merge articles with their linked data or preprints. We encourage our members to upload their work during all stages of the publication process, so we consider these to be separate research items.

If you want two identical research items to automatically merge, you can edit their details by following these steps:

1. Go to the research item's page by clicking on the title of the research item
2. Click on the blue arrow on the right-hand side of the page and select **Edit** from the drop-down list
3. Make the necessary changes
4. Click **Save.**

Please note: It can take up to 72 hours for the items to merge.

If you prefer to simply delete one of your duplicate research items, you can find out about your options for removal here.

I have two profiles. Why did this happen and how can I fix it?

If you have two ResearchGate accounts, you can merge them quickly and easily. Merging allows you to transfer all your publications (including their related stats, such as citations and reads) from one account to the account that you want to keep. Profile views, followers, followings, and questions will not be transferred. When you merge accounts, one of them is removed

Merging accounts is irreversible, so be careful when choosing which account to delete.

Note: You can only keep an account that you are currently able to access.

Here's how you can merge your accounts:

1. Log in to the ResearchGate account you want to keep
2. Visit the profile page of your other account
3. Select **More** on the right-hand side of the page and select **Report duplicate**
4. Enter the email addresses associated with both of your accounts and select save.

Your request to merge your accounts will be reviewed and you will receive an email confirmation from us when the merge has been completed.

If you cannot recall both of your login emails, please **Contact us** for further assistance.

I've discovered a page that lists my scientific contributions. What can I do?

When browsing ResearchGate you might come across a page that lists your scientific contributions or those of a colleague or co-author. This is most likely an unclaimed scientific contributions page. These pages typically have a URL in this form: https://www.researchgate.net/researcher/number_firstname_lastname

Unclaimed scientific contribution pages contain bibliographic data of published and publicly available information. One reason they exist is to make confirming authorship and adding publications to your ResearchGate profile page easier.

To confirm your unclaimed scientific contributions page (and all the publications that come along with it), click **Are you Firstname Lastname?** on the top right-hand side of the page. The unclaimed scientific contributions page will then be merged with your ResearchGate profile.

If you know the researcher who should claim the scientific contributions page, simply click **Invite**. If they are not on ResearchGate, you will be prompted to enter their email address, which will send an email to them suggesting that the confirm authorship of the unclaimed scientific contribution page.

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